

REMARKS

The Examiner in paragraph 5 has objected to the specification in that the term and emboss line in claim 34 does not have appropriate antecedent support in the specification. By this amendment, applicants have amended "emboss line" to referred to "scored line" in claim 34 which is supported in the specification. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted this objection is no longer relevant.

The Examiner has also objected to claims 21 and 22 as being improperly dependent and for failing to further limit the subject matter of a previous claim. In this regard, claim 21 has been amended to be dependent upon claim 20 which avoids the problem identified by the Examiner.

The Examiner has also objected to the drawings. In this regard, applicants respectfully request approval to amend Fig. 9A as illustrated in red by deleting reference numeral "71" and inserting reference numeral "69" as shown on attached sheet. With respect to the reference numeral "96", enclosed herewith is a copy of a drawing illustrating Fig. 15A which does provide for the numeral "96" which was present on the informal drawings previously submitted. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that Fig. 15A provides appropriate identification of item 96. Applicant also requests approval to amend Fig. 16A by the addition of numerals 146 and 148 as shown in red thereon. Upon approval of the foregoing corrections and receipt of a Notice of Allowance, applicants will submit formal drawings incorporating the above corrections.

The Examiner in paragraphs 8-14 has rejected the identified claims as being under 35 USC § 112, second paragraph as being indefinite for failing to provide sufficient antecedent basis. The subject claims have been amended to correct the noted objections. It is respectfully submitted that the changes to the claims overcome the objections set forth by the Examiner.

The Examiner in paragraph 15 of the Official Action has rejected claims 1-33 and 44-47 under 135 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Manico et al. in view of Hambright for the reasons set forth therein. The Examiner acknowledges that the Manico et al. reference does not teach or suggest the providing the image product with fold lines as taught and claimed by applicant. The Examiner goes on to further recites that the Hambright's provides

this missing element. In particular, the Examiner states that Figs. 1-8, an image product 14 comprises of a fold line 104 in which the image product can be folded in numerous sections, wherein the image product also contains a cover 12. In this regard, applicants respectfully submits that the Hambright reference is of little relevance to the present invention. First, the image product 14 is not an image product but is a holder designed to receive items 16. See column 3, lines 22-30. In addition, the album page has a main sheet 60 which is made of a relatively thin and flexible transparent material. See column 3, lines 60-63. Thus, it is clear that the items 16 that are placed within the holder 14 are designed to be viewed through the product. Thus, the product 14 is not an image product but simply a holder for the holding of articles which are to be viewed through the holder. Thus, this reference is of little relevance to the present invention. In the present invention, the integral composite image product has a fold line and not a holder in which it is placed. Thus, the Hambright referenced can be clearly distinguished. Furthermore, Hambright teaches away from the present invention as it provides a holder for the holding of the articles in contrast to the present invention which is directed to the image product itself. Thus, there would be no motivation for combining the Hambright reference with the Manico et al. reference as suggested by the Examiner.

The Examiner in paragraph 16 has rejected claim 34 as being unpatentable over Manico et al. in view of Hambright as preciously applied and further in view of Fabel. As previously noted the Manico et al. and Hambright reference are of little relevance to the present invention. The Fabel reference does not teach or suggest anything which would render applicants invention obvious. Quite the contrary the Fabel reference is merely directed to a method for creating a postcard type product from thin sheets that are folded in a unique manner. Thus, this would provide no teaching or suggestion for providing the invention as taught and claimed by applicant.

Claims 35-43 have been cancelled from the present application so as to be in compliance with the election of claims.

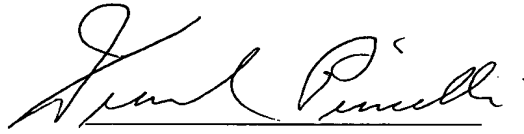
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In summary, applicants respectfully submits that the application in present form is in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification and claims by the current amendment. The attached page(s) is captioned "Version with Markings to Show Changes Made".

Respectfully submitted,

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Version With Markings to Show Changes Made

In the Specification:

The paragraph beginning on page 3, line 29 has been amended as set forth below:

In accordance with another aspect of the present invention there is provided an integral composite image product, comprising:

The paragraph beginning on page 4, line 1 has been amended as set forth below:

a second support substrate having separate image layer thereon, the second support substrate being secured to the first support substrate so as to form the ~~dual-sided~~ integral composite image product; the integral composite image product having a fold line about which the integral composite image product may be folded;

The paragraph beginning on page 4, line 10 has been amended as set forth below:

a support substrate having a separate image layer thereon, the support substrate having a plurality of fold lines about which the image product may be folded; and

The paragraph beginning on page 4, line 13 has been amended as set forth below:

an attachment section integrally formed with the ~~first and/or second~~ substrate.

In the Claims:

Claims 35 - 43 have been cancelled.

Claims 12, 13, 14, 21, 34, 45 and 47 have been amended as set forth below.

12.(Once Amended) A dual sided folded image product according to claim 11 wherein ~~the ends~~ of said side sections having an end that is substantially ~~abut~~ about each other.

13.(Once Amended) A dual sided folded image product according to claim 12 further comprising a fold line disposed substantially co-extensive with a line formed by said ~~abutting section~~ ends of said side sections.

14.(Once Amended) A dual sided folded image product according to claim 11 wherein ~~the ends~~ each of said side sections having an end which overlaps ~~over lap~~ each other.

21.(Once Amended) A dual sided integral composite image product according to claim ~~1~~ 20 wherein said integral composite image product has a plurality of fold lines.

34.(Once Amended) An image product according to claim 33 wherein at least one ~~emboss~~ scored line is provided on said leaf in association with said opening for allowing the leaf to be installed or removed from said ring.

45.(Once Amended) An integral composite image product, comprising:

a first support substrate;

a second support substrate having separate image layer thereon, said second support substrate being secured to said first support substrate so as to form said ~~dual sided~~ integral composite image product; said integral composite image product having a fold line about which said integral composite image product may be folded;

an attachment section integrally formed with said first and/or second substrate.

47.(Once Amended) A image product, comprising:

a support substrate having a separate image layer thereon, said
support substrate having a plurality of fold lines about which said image product
may be folded; and

an attachment section integrally formed with ~~said first and/or~~
~~second~~ substrate.

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